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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
U.S. House of Representatives
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Sent by fax: 202-225-4300

Dear Representative Hoyer:

We appreciate the work you have done to introduce the Full-Service Community Schools Act, H.R. 4585, that authorizes funding for full-service community schools, which are public elementary or secondary schools that coordinate multiple federal, state and/or local educational and social service programs through community-based organizations and public/private partnerships. We fully support the legislation's goal to improve the coordination, delivery, effectiveness, and efficiency of services provided to children and families.

The Alliance for Children and Families is a nonprofit membership association representing 320 child and family serving organizations in North America. Our member organizations provide an array of community-based programs and services to all generations, and serve close to 8 million people each year in more than 6,700 communities. We hope that our members will take advantage of the competitive grant program that is offered in this legislation.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-429-0400x15.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President, Public Policy